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The Ministry of Local Industry and Ministry of Furniture and Woodcraft Industry, Ukrainian SSR, and the Ukrainian Timber Industry Cooperative Union, while meeting the gross-production plan, failed to complete the plan for assortment of goods.

Third-quarter 1949 production of chief industrial goods, as compared with the third quarter of 1948, was as follows:

	3d Quarter 49 in % of 3d Quarter 48
Pig iron	130
Steel	138
Rolled metal	149
Coke	129
Iron ore	134
Manganese ore	157
Coal	120
Petroleum	107
Electric power (Ministry of Electric Power Plants)	133
Diesel locomotives	189
Main-line steam locomotives	161
Mine electric locomotives	166
Standard AC electric locomotives	167
Explosion-proof electric motors	109
Tractors	129
Tractor plows	101
Tractor seeders	155
Grain combines	171
Self-unloading harvesting machines	140
Complex threshing machines	116
Bicycles	113
Motorcycles	128
Caustic soda	127
Soda ash	132
Superphosphate	200
Lumber	122
Paper	151
Cement	124
Construction brick	129
Asbestos-cement slate	119
Window glass	100
Lamp glass	165
Plates	148
Cups and saucers	112
Enameled iron pots and pans	149
Cotton fabric	138
Woolen fabric	110
Stockings and socks	160
Leather shoes	132
Pencils	140
Footbooks	146
Meat	107
Vegetable oil	119
Cigarettes	136
Salt	102
Soap	200

The third-quarter plan for average daily loading on Ukrainian railroads was fulfilled 101 percent, including 105 percent for petroleum, 101 percent for coal, 112 percent for timber, and 100 percent for grain. Average daily loading of all

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types of freight on railroads increased 18 percent in the third quarter of 1949 over the same period of 1948, including 19 percent for petroleum, 15 percent for coal, 35 percent for ore, 33 percent for ferrous metals, and 40 percent for cement.

In the third quarter, freight transport on the Dnepr River Steamship Line increased 24 percent over the third quarter of 1948, and the line fulfilled the third-quarter 1949 plan 120 percent for freight in ton-kilometers and 97 percent for passenger transport.

Freight transport on small rivers increased 69 percent in the third quarter of 1949 over the same period of 1948. The third-quarter plan was fulfilled 151 percent for freight transport in ton-kilometers and 114 percent for passenger transport.

In the third quarter, freight transport by the Ministry of Automobile Transport Ukrainian SSR increased 63 percent over the third quarter of 1948 and passenger transport increased 89 percent. Only 93 percent of the third-quarter freight-transport plan in ton-kilometers was fulfilled.

In 9 months of 1949, the volume of capital construction for the national economy of the Ukrainian SSR was 114 percent of the same period in 1948, including 121 percent for capital construction in the coal industry and 116 percent for electric power plants.

The volume of capital construction for the republic economy of the Ukrainian SSR in 9 months of 1949 was 115 percent of the same period in 1948, including 11 percent for light and food industry and 155 percent for housing construction under the jurisdiction of local soviets.

The third-quarter plan for harvesting and procurement of agricultural products was met successfully. As of 30 September 1949, kolkhozes, sovkhozes, and peasant holdings in the republic had completed the state grain-procurement plan (excluding corn) 100.3 percent, and grain deliveries to the state are continuing.

By 10 October 1949, MTS and sovkhozes of the Ministry of State Farms had harvested 760,000 more hectares of grain crops and 655,000 more hectares of corn than in 1948.

As of 1 October, kolkhozes had fulfilled the plan for preparing soil for 1950 tree planting and 1949 autumn tree planting 153 percent.

By 10 October, deep plowing of stubble kolkhozes was carried out on an area three times that of 1948.

Ukrainian MTS had completed 17 percent more tractor work by 10 October than in 1948.

The further development of state and cooperative trade in the third quarter of 1949 proceeded along the lines of increases in sales of goods in the trade system and expansion in the assortment of products, improvement in their quality, and improvement in the service to the consumer. Sales of the following products, in particular, increased: shoes, sewn and knitted wear, woolen and silk fabric, household soap, and many food products. The volume of sales increased and prices decreased on city kolkhoz markets as compared with the third quarter of 1948.

In the third quarter of 1949, the total number of workers and employees in the national economy of the Ukrainian SSR increased by 370,000 over the third quarter of 1948.

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More than 46,000 persons completed trade, railroad and FZO schools and entered industrial jobs during the third quarter.

In the third quarter, transport of passengers by streetcars increased 10 percent over the third quarter of 1948; by trolleybuses, 62 percent; and the supply of water through the communal water-main system increased 9 percent.

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